

HEAVY FIRE  
ON JAPANESE

One Torpedo Boat Somewhat Damaged

## JAPS. EXAMINED HARBOR

Four Boats Were Fired On Monday—  
One Man Killed and Three Wounded.

Tokio, June 8.—Four Japanese gunboats made a close reconnaissance of Port Arthur Monday for the purpose of examining the entrance to the harbor. They were exposed to a severe cannonade. Gunboat No. 4 was hit eight times and sustained some damage. One sailor was killed and two were wounded.

The above despatch would seem to indicate that the reports of a hard naval battle at Port Arthur Monday were premature. The heavy firing reported by junks arriving at Chefoo was in all probability the cannonading of the gunboats making the reconnaissance.

## MOUNTING HEAVY GUNS.

Japanese, in Semi-Circle Line, Prepare for Attack.

Chefoo, June 8.—According to a report which has reached here, the Japanese forces occupy a semi-circular line 24 miles long near Port Arthur, and are busy mounting guns on the neighboring heights. These long ranges will permit a great convergence of the Japanese fire, while the fire of the Russians must be scattered against a wide circumference.

## DESERT RUSSIAN ARMY.

Three Hundred. Mostly Jews, Take a French Leave.

Warsaw, June 8.—Three hundred deserters from the Russian army, mostly Jews, including a captain and a colonel in uniform, have escaped from the barracks here and crossed the Austrian frontier.

## LOST TORPEDO BOAT.

Alexieff Reports One Struck on the Rock May 26.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—Viceroy Alexieff today reports that on May 26 ten torpedo boats were sent out against the Japanese, and while returning one struck rocks and sank. The crew was saved.

## "FALL IS IMMINENT."

Another Prediction That Port Arthur Has Concluded to Fall.

Rome, June 8.—A despatch from Yinchow, Manchuria, this morning, says an attack on Port Arthur has been proceeding since Saturday, from both the land and the sea. It is ascertained that the fall of the fortress is imminent.

## TO JOIN KUROPATKIN.

Balloon Detachment, 140 Strong, Leaves Warsaw.

Warsaw, June 8.—A balloon detachment, 140 strong, has left Warsaw to join General Kuropatkin's army in Manchuria.

## SONS OF VETERANS.

Annual Encampment Being Held in Burlington.

Burlington, June 8.—The 22nd annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans, Vermont Division, opened here today, with 75 delegates from 30 camps. The sessions continue tomorrow and close in the evening. The annual encampment of the Ladies Aid society is being held in connection. Capt. E. O. Smith, Camp General William Wells of this city is a candidate for division commander. Probably the headquarters will be removed to Burlington.

## FOR PERDICARIS' RELEASE.

Negotiations Are in Progress and Will Be Successful.

Marselles, June 8.—Private advices received today confirm the report that negotiations for the release of Perdicaris and his stepson are progressing. A successful conclusion of negotiations is expected shortly.

## UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Cripple Creek Mining District Is Quiet Today.

Victor, Colo., June 8.—The Cripple Creek district was officially put under martial law early today. Adjutant-General Bell assumed command. All is quiet and further trouble is not anticipated.

Song Dedicated to Kansas University  
Mrs. Blanche Lyons of Lawrence, Kan., has written the words and music for a new song, "A Romance of the River," which she has dedicated to the University of Kansas, says the Kansas City Times. Mrs. Lyons has won several state prizes as a vocalist.

## LEFT HIS FIANCEE.

E. Almon of Burlington Disappeared Night Before Wedding Day.

Burlington, June 8.—B. Almon who has operated a ladies' tailoring establishment in the Strong for about three months suddenly left this city Saturday night for parts unknown, leaving behind him an affianced bride whom he was to have married next Sunday. He is also accused by a considerable number of creditors. Almon came to Burlington about three months ago and engaged board with Joseph Yett, of 76 Archibald street, father of Miss Rebecca, to whom Almon became betrothed. He lodged in his tailoring shop in the Strong. Mr. Yett knew nothing of Almon except that he came from "across the lake." He seemed very reticent in regard to his antecedents. Mr. Yett suspected nothing wrong, however, and when the intimacy between his daughter and Almon terminated in an engagement he willingly gave his consent to the match. The invitations were issued and the wedding was set for Sunday. Last Saturday night Almon spent the evening with his fiancée and on leaving promised to meet her Sunday morning. He failed to appear, however.

## GIRL KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Alice Goddett Struck on a Bridge in Sunderland.

Bennington, June 7.—Alice Goddett of Sunderland, 17 years old, was killed by the south bound flyer on the Rutland railroad near Sunderland station yesterday afternoon. With a companion she had been picking greens and wishing to change her location started down the track. They came to a short wooden bridge, and the companion objected to crossing it as they heard a train coming. The girl insisted that they could and they started. In the middle of the bridge she fell and before she could get up the engine struck her. The other girl succeeded in getting across. The train was running at a rate of 45 miles an hour when the engineer discovered her as he rounded a curve a quarter of a mile away.

The train was stopped and the injured girl placed in the baggage car and started for a Troy hospital but she died before reaching North Bennington. An examination there by a physician failed to reveal a bruise or injury of any kind. She was one of a family of eight children.

## OFFICERS AFTER HORSE THIEF.

Henry Rhodes of Northfield Wanted on Two Charges.

Bethel, June 7.—Sunday morning a man applied at the livery stable of A. L. Stearns for a team. He was a stranger to Mr. Stearns, but said he had got a good job on the quarry and wanted to go to South Royalton to get his family and would return the team at night. He did not return that day and later Mr. Stearns learned that his name was Henry Rhodes of Northfield, whom the Northfield officers have been following for several days on a charge of getting a rig under false pretenses from Fred Fuller of Northfield.

Officers went on the trail of Rhodes yesterday morning and traced him first to White River Junction, where at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon he had tried to trade his tired out steed for a fresh horse. From there they found he went to East Haven, N. H. They are close behind him and expect to secure him today.

## DELEGATES SELECTED.

Vermonters Who Will Attend National Conference of Charities and Correction.

Bennington, June 7.—Governor McCullough has designated as delegates from the state of Vermont to the national conference of charities and correction, its 51st annual meeting to be held at the city of Portland, Me., June 15 to 22, 1904, the following:

The Rev. J. E. Wright, Montpelier; the Rev. George S. Mills, Bennington; the Rev. Warren Morse, Bennington Center; the Rev. G. G. Atkins, Burlington; the Rev. George W. Phillips, D. C., Rutland; the Hon. Frederick S. Platt, Putney; the Hon. C. P. Smith, Burlington; the Hon. Frank Kenfield, Morrisville. C. S. Pratt, M. D. Brattleboro; Frank W. Tuttle, Vergennes.

## WOMAN FATALLY INJURED.

Mrs. Jane White of Morrisville, Fell Down Stairs.

Morrisville, June 7.—Mrs. Jane Anna White, sister of Capt. Frank Kenfield, met with a fatal accident last night at 11 o'clock. She lived alone with her brother, Horace, at Morrisville corners. Thinking her brother was sick she went to his room, and returning opened the wrong door and fell down stairs, fracturing her skull and dying instantly. Captain Kenfield and Dr. W. T. Slayton were called. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. J. P. Booth officiating. Mrs. White was 63 years old. She leaves no children.

## WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE?

Standing of Candidates in Times' World's Contest.

Class 1.

Mrs. Laura Westcott, Barre, 4119

Miss Flora Vincent, Barre, 1004

Class 2.

Mrs. M. L. Town, Barre town, 7845

James Wark, Grantville, 7817

G. H. Adams, So. Barre, 951

Geo. A. Wales, So. Barre, 634

Mrs. J. H. McArthur, E. Barre, 29

Class 3.

Earnest Seaver, Washington, 2465

A. J. Blodgett, Foxville, 2384

Jas. Lord, Orange, 1911

R. B. Ludlow, Boltonville, 1095

G. H. Hight, W. Topsham, 296

Class 4.

Henry Westcott, Montpelier, 2000

Mrs. J. Burton Pike, Marshfield, 1725

B. C. Alexander, Berlin, 638

Charles Dudley, East Mtn., 115

The Republican city caucus will be held at Miles' hall at 7 o'clock this evening. Don't forget the early hour, or the place.

OCTOROON  
IN TOMBS

N. Y. Woman Charged With Extortion

## FROM OLD MAN, J. A. PLATT

Detectives Last Night Had to Batter In Her Heavy Front Door in Order To Serve the Papers.

New York, June 8.—Hannah Elias, the octoroon, who was arrested last night charged with extorting \$7,500 from J. H. Platt, was arraigned in court this morning. The case was adjourned until Friday, bail being fixed at \$50,000. The prisoner was returned to the Tombs.

After several attempts to get into the woman's house the detectives last night battered in her heavy front door. Mrs. Elias is also charged with obtaining nearly \$700,000 from Platt, who is an old man. Immediately after breaking in the papers in the civil action brought by Platt were served on the woman.

## TROUT ARE SCARCE.

Report of Wholesale Depletion in Brooks Near Rutland.

Rutland, June 8.—One of the Rutland fish and game wardens stated today that the brooks in this section are rapidly being depleted of trout, which, until this summer, have been fairly plenty. Two or three men are making a large amount of money by continually fishing these brooks and then selling the trout to wealthy residents of Rutland for fancy prices. It is believed that some of them are caught with nets, but this is not certain.

There is no way at present to stop the wholesale catching of the fish but a movement is under way in this city to have a law passed at the next session of the legislature, prohibiting the sale of trout. If this could be done the incentive to catch large numbers would be partially removed.

## BIG MARBLE DEAL.

Vermont Marble Co. Gets Valuable Property at Danby.

Rutland, June 7.—The Vermont Marble company has just completed the purchase of the George C. Underhill marble property at Danby recently bought by Mr. Underhill. It is understood that Mr. Underhill received a price considerably in advance of that paid by him for the property. The property is situated on the east side of Danby mountain, a half a mile above the valley. The property is believed to be very valuable.

## INJURED IN A FIRE.

H. C. Herrick of Vergennes Stepped Out of Window.

Vergennes, June 8.—H. C. Herrick is suffering severely from injuries received in a fire which gutted his house yesterday morning. He was awakened from sleep and fell to the ground a distance of 19 feet. He received a severe contusion on the back of his head and was otherwise badly bruised. The loss by fire will be about \$4,000.

## No Evidence of Murder.

Brattleboro, June 7.—Sidney Bailey of Putney, who shot his wife Friday night, was arraigned before Justice M. D. Whitman in Putney today for a preliminary hearing on the charge of murder. There was no evidence in contradiction of Bailey's statement that he was shooting at a burglar, and he was discharged.

## Burlington's New Pastor Installed.

Burlington, June 8.—Rev. Charles J. Staples was formally installed as pastor of the Unitarian church last night and the service was the occasion for the assembling of clergymen from different parts of New England and for a large number of people from Burlington.

## LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Both Boston Teams Won Their Games Yesterday.

Yesterday's American League scores: At Detroit, Boston 4, Detroit 8. At Chicago, Chicago 6, Philadelphia 1. At St. Louis, St. Louis 6, Washington 3.

American League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	29	12	.707
Cleveland	22	15	.595
New York	22	17	.564
Chicago	24	19	.558
Cincinnati	22	18	.550
Philadelphia	19	19	.500
St. Louis	17	26	.395
Detroit	13	26	.333
Washington	6	32	.159

Yesterday's National League scores: At Boston, Boston 2, Cincinnati 0. At New York, Pittsburgh 2, New York 0.

At Brooklyn, Chicago 3, Brooklyn 1. At Philadelphia, St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 3.

National League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	27	13	.675
New York	17	13	.565
Cincinnati	28	14	.667
St. Louis	19	19	.500
Pittsburgh	13	21	.385
Brooklyn	17	20	.457
Philadelphia	7	30	.189

DEMOCRATS  
RETICENT

Would Not Name Their Favorite

## MONTPELIER DELEGATION

Attempt to Find Out Sentiment Is Clock by a Motion to Adjourn.

Montpelier, June 8.—The Democrats of Montpelier met in caucus last evening to elect delegates to the state and district conventions to be held at Burlington June 22. C. A. G. Jackson was elected chairman of the caucus, and E. A. Sweeney, secretary. The delegates elected to the state convention are: J. S. Haley, H. J. Voldholm, A. J. Sibley, L. B. Brooks, J. H. Senter, D. T. Donnelly, E. P. Carleton, P. L. Templeton, L. N. Wood, C. A. G. Jackson, J. J. Gilney, I. N. Frost; to district convention, H. C. Sturtevant, E. A. Sweeney, P. S. Howe, Frank Hadigan, Henry Frier, Richard Standish, J. H. Kelleher, J. E. Flanagan, Purley Jerome, Henry S. Smith, John Mack.

An attempt was made by C. E. Ryle to get an expression from the caucus as to who would be supported for delegates to St. Louis and eventually for President, but a motion to adjourn shut him off, and the delegates go unstruck.

## NINE DEMOCRATS IN RUTLAND.

Are All That Remains to Tell the Sad Tale.

Rutland, June 8.—Charles L. Robinson of this city, secretary of the board of assessors of Rutland, today stated that according to the books of the board there are now just nine men in the city who acknowledge that they are members of the Democratic party. The records which have just been completed after the annual taking of lists show that there are 3,411 legal voters in the city, which is just nine more than the number of names on the Republican check list used at the caucus a few days ago.

There are many more Democrats than this in Rutland but the best of the recent local Republican contests has caused most of them to have their names placed on the list of the opposing party.

## BELL GETS HIS OWN TOWN.

Walden Republicans For Him to the Finish.

Walden, June 7.—This was the first town in Caledonia county to hold its republican caucus for the state, district and county conventions and there was a good attendance of voters. Hon. Charles J. Bell presided and George T. Eastman and J. C. Stafford were elected delegates to both the state and district conventions. Both are warm personal friends of Mr. Bell and they will support him in the state convention first, last and all the time.

## FOR BELL AND HIGBEE.

Ferrisburgh Delegates Favor Them For State Ticket.

Vergennes, June 7.—At the caucus of the Republican voters of Ferrisburgh held Tuesday afternoon, the following delegates were elected: State, W. H. Dean, M. F. Allen, L. E. Avery, R. D. Booth. The delegates were instructed to choose their own alternates. A resolution was passed stating that the sentiment of the caucus favored the nomination of C. J. Bell for governor and instructing the delegates to support W. W. Higbee of Charlotte for lieutenant-governor.

## C. L. SMITH'S FUNERAL.

Montpelier Citizens Laid to Rest Today.

Montpelier, June 8.—The funeral of C. L. Smith who died at the sanitarium in Burlington Monday, was held from Bethany church, this city, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. W. Wallace officiating. The bearers were George W. Peck, J. B. More, A. J. Howe, Byron Carlton, J. L. Tuttle and L. B. Brooks. The interment was in Green Mount cemetery.

## WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Van McAllister were in Northfield yesterday visiting Mr. Tyler.

Charles Moore returned last evening from a two weeks' visit in New York.

Rev. F. E. Currier returned Saturday from his trip to Los Angeles, Calif., where he went to attend the general conference of the M. E. church.

Road Commissioner Ora Blanchard was seriously injured Monday. In getting off the road machine his foot slipped and he fell, striking a fork, the tines of which entered his leg just below the thigh, inflicting a deep and painful wound.

## GRANITEVILLE.

There will be a dance at Miles' hall Saturday evening. O'Brien's orchestra to furnish music.

Mrs. Minnie Wheeler, of 11 Walnut Street, is now prepared to resume her work of shampooing. Special treatment of the scalp. Telephone 213-5.

GOVERNMENT  
TAKES T. ROSSI

On Charge of Carrying on Retail Liquor Business Without a Government License.

## A. H. WILKIN'S FUNERAL.

Held This Afternoon From Presbyterian Church.

The funeral of Alexander H. Wilkin, who was fatally injured at Marr & Gordon's plant Monday evening, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Presbyterian church, the Rev. T. H. Mitchell officiating. There was a large gathering of friends and a profusion of floral tributes. The National Association of Stationary Engineers of this city and from Websterville attended in a body; also Granite Lodge, F. & A. M. and the Foresters of America were present in a body.

The pall bearers were John Hyland, A. B. Collins from the N. A. S. E.; Neal Morrison and Murdo Melver from the Masons; Alexander Doble and James Gow from the Foresters. The interment was in Hope cemetery.

## HIGH SCHOOL WON.

Defeated An Alumni Ball Team Yesterday 9 to 3.

The Spaulding high school base ball team put rings around an alumni team on the Goddard campus yesterday afternoon by the score of 9 to 3. Something less than nine innings were played, owing to a downpour of rain. The scores were easier to count than the errors, and no attempt was made to tabulate the latter.

## THE NEW BALL GROUNDS.

Lease Made and Work Has Been Started on Them.

Montpelier, June 8.—A. O. Humphrey and J. J. Flynn of Burlington of the Electric Railway company were in the city yesterday afternoon in consultation with W. A. Lord and C. P. Pitkin. The lease for the base ball grounds was formally made and work on the grounds has commenced.

## FLAG DAY, JUNE 14.

Gov. John G. McCullough Recommends Observance.

Gov. John G. McCullough has issued a proclamation designating Tuesday, June 14, as Flag Day, and recommending that the day be observed by all patriotic and liberty loving citizens by causing the stars and stripes to be displayed everywhere.

## CLEARED OF SUSPICION.

Henry Valiquette Released By Montpelier Police.

Montpelier June 8.—Henry Valiquette, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery at C. E. Hugbee's house, was cleared in city court last evening.

## Tonight's Athletic Contest.

Tonight the Barre opera house will be the scene of one of the greatest wrestling contests ever witnessed in the state of Vermont, when Captain C. Ross, the greatest gladiator whom it has been our good fortune to see in these parts, and Robert Ewen, a young Scotchman of heroic proportions and undoubted skill in the wrestling and athletic lines, also a proud champion of Scotland, will meet.

Both men are heavily backed for tonight's contest and the public need have no doubt as to the genuineness of the match. Gene Sullivan is behind Ross and Arthur Burrell for Ewen. Jerry Donahue is referee and W. H. Noonan stakeholder. Several hundred dollars are wagered on the results. Both men are confident and Ross adds if he don't win it won't be his fault and states he does not say anything against Mr. Ewen, but his connection with the present contest in any way will be opposed by him, also other friends of Ewen will have to keep off the stage, even if seconds are discarded, and let the referee decide on the merits of the wrestlers.

Quite a feature in connection with the wrestling between Con Sullivan, the pride of the Irish, and T. P. Montague, the giant photographer, and a man who knows something with the dukes as well as with the wrestling.

## Statement From Con Sullivan.

Mr. Editor: In yesterday's Times I noticed an article stating that I would begin wrestling promptly at 8 o'clock this evening at the opera house with Mr. Montague. I wish to state that I know nothing of such a match. At the last meeting between Messrs. Ross and Ewen I accepted Mr. Ewen's challenge to wrestle him and am still waiting to hear from him or his representative regarding our proposed match. In the meantime if any other gentleman wishes to arrange to meet me in place designated to sign articles of agreement.

## Changes in Montpelier's Population.

Montpelier, June 7.—Charles DeF. Bancroft has completed some interesting statistics regarding Montpelier men and women of a former generation. The population June 1, 1890, was 2,411. Of this number only 255 are now living here.

Of the married couples residing here June 1, 1890, only 13 are now residents of Montpelier.

M. D. Phelps has returned from attending the St. Bernard Fish and Game club meeting at Montreal. Four members of a party with which he went, brought back 100 pounds of fish.

IN ANNUAL  
GATHERING

Congregationalists of the Country Meet

## SESSIONS OPENED TODAY

General Theme of Conference is "The Aggressive, Efficient Church"—Addresses This Evening.

The annual meeting of the Washington county conference of Congregational churches opened at 11 o'clock this forenoon with about 30 delegates present at the opening session. After a devotional service led by Rev. L. H. Elliott the gathering organized for business by electing Rev. W. S. Hazen of Northfield as moderator, Rev. W. F. Bissell scribe and Rev. F. B. Kellogg registrar and scribe.

The conference resumed its sessions at 2 this afternoon with an increased number of delegates present. Encouraging reports from the different churches of the county were made, followed by the conference sermon by Rev. F. B. Kellogg.

At 3:30 was held the women's missionary conference.

The programme for tomorrow, the concluding day of the conference, will be as follows:

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service, Rev. J. F. Anderson  
9:00 Business, Rev. J. F. Anderson  
9:15 "The Leaven of the Country Church," Rev. W. F. Bissell  
10:00 "An Able, Heroic Minister," Rev. S. S. Fiske  
10:30 "A Spirit of Fraternity," Rev. R. L. Sheaff  
10:45 "More Funds," Rev. S. S. Fiske  
11:00 Discussion  
11:20 Layman's hour  
11:30 "Is the Church Awake to its Opportunity?" Prof. Carl Voss Woodbury  
11:45 "Is it Utilizing the Lord's Day to the Best Advantage?" Mrs. H. F. Woodruff  
12:30 Discussion  
1:45 Closing business and adjournment.

## HOUSE ENTERED.

But Robbers Were Scared Away Before Taking Anything.

The house of Arthur Loranger at 90 Pleasant street, was entered Monday night but nothing was taken, and it is supposed the robber or robbers were scared away. Alfred Robertson, a lodger, who returned home a little after midnight, found the front door of the house open and further investigation showed that the glass in a window in the rear of the house had been removed. The pane had been broken some time and the house breaker only had to take it out, which he did, and laid it carefully on the piazza.

Mr. and Mrs. Loranger were caring for a sick baby and were obliged to be up every half hour all night, and it is supposed must have scared the robber away before he had time to secure anything.

## WANT BILL PREPARED.

Members of Ministers Monday Club Ask Rev. Poole to Prepare One.

The report of the meeting of the Ministers Monday club sent out from Montpelier stated that "most of the clergymen present dissented from Rev. F. A. Poole's views" on the liquor question as presented at the meeting Monday morning. As a matter of fact, while the paper was vigorously discussed as all papers are at the meetings of this club, many of those present heartily commended the paper and the views expressed and several of the clergy at that meeting asked the Rev. Poole to put his ideas into a legislative bill to be read at a future meeting of the club.

## Spaulding Commemoration Concert Program.

Overture, The Brown's Horns, Robert  
Laces and Grasses, Braxton  
Fantasia, Germania  
Selection, Travlers, Verdi  
Intermezzo, Kautzka, Smith  
Crespy Crespy, Taylor  
Babel in Torland

The above will be the numbers in the concert at Hale's pavilion this evening by Wilder's orchestra in the pleasing manner for which Mr. Wilder is celebrated.

Following the concert will be the second annual ball of the Spaulding alumni to which all well wishers of the school and those who enjoy a social dance are invited. Fruit punch will be served by young ladies and a fine dance order has been prepared.

You make no mistake in attending, as you are sure to more than get your money's worth. The concert tickets are 25 cents each. The ball tickets are \$1 per couple. This evening at Hale's pavilion.

Notice to All Union Men.  
That the Congregational Church at Williamstown is a non-union job and all union men should keep away.

The Republican city caucus will be held at Miles' hall at 7 o'clock this evening. Don't forget the early hour, or the place.